

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1. (currently amended) A digital data processing apparatus ~~for receiving digital data having a use charged for through one of a data recording medium and a network and for using the received digital data by employing use permission data,~~ comprising:

a communicating unit configured to communicate with an external device;

a receiving unit configured to receive digital data from a recording medium or through the communication unit, use of the received digital data employ use permission data;

a memory in which use history information of the digital data has been stored, and

a controller configured to send the use history information to the external device through the communication unit when an accumulation of uses of the digital data reaches a preset value.

~~wherein an accumulation of uses of the digital data is represented by the use history information and a transfer of the use history information is induced when the accumulation of uses reaches a preset value.~~

Claim 2. (currently amended) The digital data processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~wherein after the transfer is induced one of the use of and an operation of the use permission~~

data is disabled ~~during the transfer of~~while sending the use history information to the external device.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The digital data processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the digital data are one of audio data, video data, still image data, character data, computer graphics data, game software, and a computer program.

Claim 4. (currently amended) A digital data processing apparatus ~~for receiving digital data having a use charged for through a data recording medium and a network and for using the received digital data by employing use permission data,~~  
comprising:

a communicating unit configured to communicate with a settlement center;

a receiving unit configured to receive digital data from a recording medium or an external device, use of the received digital data employ use permission data;

a memory in which use history information of the digital data has been stored; and

a controller configured to automatically send the use history information to the settlement center through the communication unit when an accumulation of uses of the digital data reaches a preset value.

~~communicating unit for communicating with a settlement center,~~

~~wherein an accumulation of uses of the digital data is represented by the use history information and the use history information is automatically transferred to the settlement center through the communicating unit when the accumulation of uses reaches a preset value.~~

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The digital data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the digital data are one of audio data, video data, still image data, character data, computer graphics data, game software, and a computer program.

Claims 6-40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (currently amended) A data reproducing terminal apparatus comprising:

a signal processing unit for performing a signal process necessary for reproduction of content data read from a medium, the content data being encrypted or compressed in which a plurality of content data to which an encrypting process and a compressing process have been executed are recorded;

a communicating unit configured to communicate with an external element;

a memory unit in which reproduction history data of the content data ~~to which the process has been performed by the signal processing unit~~ are written; and

a control unit configured to send the reproduction history data to the exterior element through the communication unit ~~for inducing a transfer of the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to an exterior element~~ when the reproduction history data written in the memory unit reach a predetermined value.

Claim 42. (currently amended) The data reproducing terminal apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising a display unit, wherein the display unit displays a message for urging a user to send the reproduction history data to the exterior element when the reproduction history data written in the memory unit reach the predetermined value ~~a message for inducing the transfer of the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to the exterior element is displayed on the display unit by the control unit.~~

Claim 43. (currently amended) The data reproducing terminal apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the control unit inhibits the signal process by the signal processing unit ~~until the transfer of the reproduction history data is finished~~ while sending the reproduction history data to the exterior element.

Claim 44. (canceled)

Claim 45. (currently amended) A data processing terminal apparatus comprising:

a communicating unit configured to communicate with an external element;

a memory unit in which reproduction history data are written, the reproduction history data being transferred from a reproducing unit for performing a reproducing process of content data read from a medium, the content data being encrypted or compressed ~~in which a plurality of content data to which an encrypting process and a compressing process have been executed is recorded are written;~~ and

a control unit configured to send the reproduction history data to the exterior element through the communication unit for inducing a transfer of the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to an exterior element when the reproduction history data written in the memory unit reach a predetermined value.

Claim 46. (currently amended) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit sends the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit when the control unit receives data regarding an electronic monitoring

permission from the exterior element, the data regarding an electronic monitoring permission being used for reproducing the content data~~that is transferred to the reproducing unit and is necessary when the content data are reproduced by the reproducing unit are received from the exterior element the control unit transfers the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit.~~

Claim 47. (canceled)

Claim 48. (currently amended) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 45, further comprising a display unit, wherein the display unit displays a message for urging a user to send the reproduction history data to the exterior element when the reproduction history data written in the memory unit reach the predetermined value ~~a message for inducing the transfer of the reproduction history data to the exterior element is displayed on the display unit by the control unit.~~

Claim 49. (currently amended) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 48, further comprising a second display unit, wherein the second display unit displays an indicator, the indicator changes the length of a predetermined color part in accordance with an amount of available space a ~~use situation of the memory unit is displayed on the second~~

~~display unit by the control unit.~~

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 49, further comprising a warning display unit for displaying that the reproduction history data written in the memory unit have reached the predetermined value.

Claim 51. (currently amended) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit inhibits the writing of the reproduction history information ~~from the reproducing unit into the memory unit~~ while sending the reproduction history information to the exterior element ~~until the transfer of the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to the exterior element is finished.~~

Claim 52. (currently amended) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit ~~transfers~~ sends the reproduction history data to the exterior element at a preset date.

Claims 53-64. (Canceled)